

4. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the end sections of the connection piece are flexibly connected.

5. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 4, composed of at least two separate elements which are pivotally connected together, each element having formed thereon one of said end sections and a part of said central body.

6. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 5, wherein said elements are pivotally connected together at the centre of the central body.

7. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 5 ~~or claim 6~~, wherein each element is pivotally movable ~~relate~~ relative to the other element through substantially 180° about a signal axis both clockwise and anti-clockwise.

8. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 7, wherein said single axis lies in the plane of and extends substantially perpendicular to said central body.

9. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to ~~any of claims claim 6 to 8~~, further including biasing means connected between said elements which urges said sections into a first, un-rotated position in which the parts of the central body carried on the two sections are aligned.

10. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 6 to 9, wherein said elements are connected together by means of a double hinge.

11. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 6 to 9, wherein said elements are connected together by a resiliently deformable member.

12. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 11, wherein said resiliently deformable member is an elastic band which is attached to the end section carried on each element.

13. (Original) A connection piece according to claim 12, wherein said elastic band has a hoop on each end which engages in an annular recess formed in each end section.

14. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to ~~any of~~
~~claimsclaim 5 to 13~~, wherein each element has a basal flange.

15. (Currently Amended) A connection piece according to ~~any of the~~
~~preceding claimsclaim 1~~, wherein each end section has a recess in its upper end for
receiving, in use, a mounting peg of a mounting element such as a piece of scenery.

16. (Currently Amended) An assembly for guiding a toy vehicle, the
assembly comprising a plurality of substantially rectilinear track elements and a
plurality of element connectors according to ~~any of the preceding claimsclaim 1~~, each
track element having three or more edges, and each edge having a shaped recess for
5 receiving and retaining one end section of a connector, such that, in use, the
connectors releasably retain the track elements with the ends of abutting edges in
alignment.

17. (Original) An assembly according to claim 16, wherein each track
element is provided with two or more track-defining formations to allow the vehicle to
be guided along two or more different pathways, and the track-defining formations
being configured and positioned to facilitate alignment of the pathways between
5 abutting track elements.

18. (Original) An assembly according to claim 17, wherein both main
faces of each track element are provided with two or more track-defining formations,
the track-defining formation being configured differently on each face.

19. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claimsclaim~~
~~16 to 18~~, wherein the track-defining formation comprises a pair of equi-spaced
grooves.

20. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claimsclaim~~
~~16 to 19~~, wherein the track elements are substantially square.

21. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claimsclaim~~
~~16 to 20~~, wherein the recesses are positioned and configured to allow any of the edges
of a track element to be connected to any edge of another track element with the ends
of the connected edges in alignment.

22. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claims~~claim
16 to 21, wherein the track elements are formed from a semi-rigid foam material.

23. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claims~~claim
16 to 22, wherein the shaped-recesses and each end of each connector are of
complementary shape.

24. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to ~~any of claims~~claim
16 to 23, wherein one or more secondary elements are provided, each secondary
element having an upper surface and a lower surface, the lower surface having
formations for complementary engagement with track-defining formations, such that,
5 in use, the secondary formations overlie some or all of a pathway on a track element.